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Remarks/Arguments:

Responsive to the Election Requirement dated **July 14, 2003**, Applicants elect for further prosecution claims 1-23.

Furthermore, Applicants are required to elect a patentably distinct species if claims 1-23 are elected. Thus, Applicants elect Group I for further prosecution. The claims which correspond to Group I are claims 1-23.

This election is made with traverse.

The Election Requirement is respectfully traversed because of errors in the Election Requirement. Group II, Fig. 2B was indicated by the Election Requirement as being a patentably distinct species. This is incorrect, as Fig. 2B illustrates the prior art.

In addition, the Election Requirement is respectfully traversed because the application currently includes a generic claim. Specifically, claim 1 is generic.

For the reasons set forth above, withdrawal of the Election Requirement is respectfully requested.

Various amendments are included with this response. The amendments

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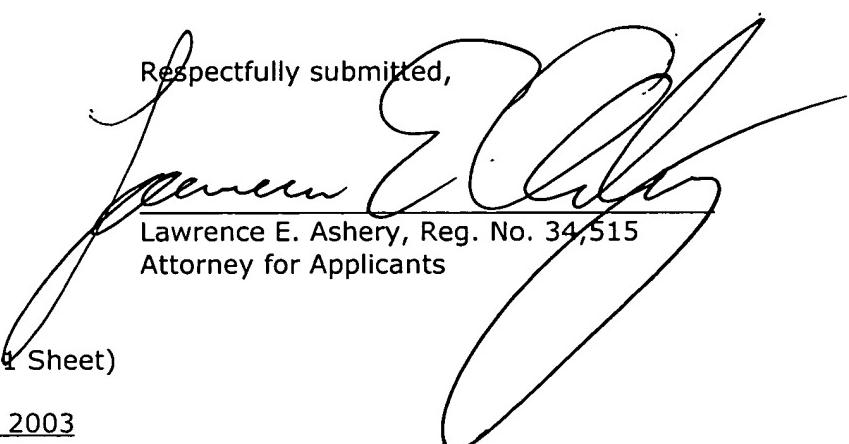
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clarify information which was included in the application at the time of filing. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,


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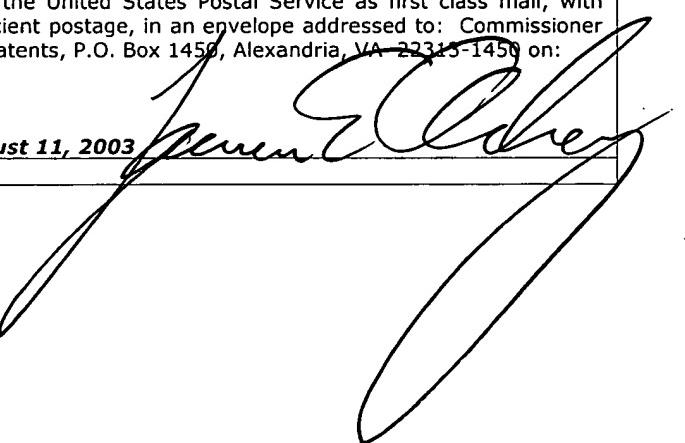
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Attachment: Figure 2B (1 Sheet)

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